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Pension Application of Thomas Diddleston (Duddleston) S35894

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To the Ho'ble. Wm. L. Kelly one of the as't. Judges for the commonwealth of Ky.

Your petitioner Thomas Duddleston a citizen of Garrard County Kentucky states – He enlisted as a regular soldier in the year of 1776 in the continental service for the Term of 2 years under Cap'n Richard C. Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson, company raised in Hanover County, 4th Virginia Regiment]. That he served faithfully for that time & re'd. an Ho'ble discharge. That he afterwards again join'd. the army, and enlisted under Cap'n John Anderson – and went to the south, and was attached to the Division commanded by Ge'l. Green [sic: Southern Department commanded by Gen. Nathanael Greene]. That he does not recollect the name of his Col. – but he well remembers the name of his Major was [Smith] Snead. That he was in the battle at Gilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse SC, 15 Mar 1781], at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], at 96 [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at the utoa springs [sic: Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]. That he rec'd. another Ho'ble. discharge which he now presents to you Honor for inspection together with his oath of allegiance. That he has lost his first discharge. That he was when he first joined Joined the service attached to the first Virginia Reg't. That he does not well remember who was the Col, but believes it Col. [Charles] Scott. That he is now very old, and decripid incapable of doing any work, and unable to walk about at present having been lately crippled by a fall from his horse. That he is very poor, and stands greatly in need of assistance from his gov't.

20th Sep'r. 1818

District of Kentucky }
 to wit }

On this 19 day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, for the said district Thomas Diddleston aged 76 years resident in Garrard county in said District, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

He enlisted with Rich'd. C. Anderson Capt. in the 5th Virginia Reg't. for two years and got a Discharge –

He has obtained a certificate of Pension dated 22nd April 1820 to be drawn from the 25th of Sept'r. 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Nothing.

Occupation nothing too old to work. no family liveing with him – he has no home.

[Another declaration dated 17 July 1820 is similar to the above, but it adds at the end that he is “very much afflicted with infirmities,” and it is signed “Thomas Diddleston.”

NOTE: A letter in the file states that Diddleston's name is spelled with an i, but that he is known locally as Duddleston. A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Thos. Duddleston/ age 32/ height 5 7½/ Shoe maker/ born in Wolverhampton England/ resided in Hanover County/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted in Hanover on 8 Sep 1780 for 18

months.